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## Statement

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*In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful*

**Mr. Chairperson, Acting Director General, Excellencies, Dear Colleagues,**

At the outset, I would like to express my delegation's gratitude to the Agency's Secretariat for their hard work on the verification measures related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in the Islamic Republic of Iran. I would also like to seize this opportunity to appreciate those delegations that extended their support to us for continuing to implement the JCPOA commitments despite the US withdrawal.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

The recent Director General Report (GOV/2018/33, dated 30 August 2018) on the verification of the JCPOA in the Islamic Republic of Iran, once again, for the twelfth time after implementation of the JCPOA confirms Iran's compliance to the nuclear deal. The Islamic Republic of Iran continued to honor its commitments in accordance with the JCPOA provisions. In this regard, I would like to mention few figures reflected in the Annual Agency's Report (GOV/2018/193 May 2018). According to this document, among others, there have been 419 inspections, 35 complementary access, and 1049 person days of inspection in 2017 in Iran, which is a clear indication of utmost transparency in our nuclear program.

It should be noted that the JCPOA is multilateral in terms of participation and bilateral in terms of commitments. Its scope, provisions and timeframes are based on a delicate, negotiated and multilaterally-accepted balance. While we continue to cooperate with the Agency in an effective, efficient and comprehensive manner and with good faith, unfortunately our benefits as enshrined in this multilateral deal have not been realized. The unilateral and unlawful withdrawal of the United States from the JCOPA is among other

things, a clear disregard of the Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) to which the JCOPA is annexed. Simultaneously, re-imposition of unilateral and extraterritorial sanctions by the US government that had been lifted pursuant to the JCPOA, constitutes "significant non-performance" of the JCPOA and a clear breach of the Security Council Resolution 2231, which also flies against the will of the International Community.

We have to bear in mind that the essential part of the consent of the Islamic Republic of Iran to be bound by the deal, was to benefit from the effects of sanction lifting. The unlawful actions by the US have rendered many essential provisions of the JCPOA void of any effect and torpedoed the delicate balance of commitments between two sides. Iran has brought the most significant cases of US non-performances to the attention of the JCPOA Joint Commission, inter alia, through a number of official letters to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, in her capacity as Coordinator of this Commission. The United States has not only persistently violated the terms of this agreement, but also, inter alia, by sending delegations to different States and even foreign companies, threatening them by either to comply with its unlawful unilateral policies against my country, or will be faced with its coercive punitive measures.

**Mr. Chairperson,**

As I have mentioned, contrary to the US behavior, the Islamic Republic of Iran has, so far, been in full compliance with its commitments under the JCPOA. As it was stated repeatedly, the full and sincere implementation of the commitments by all parties is the essential basis and the real life-blood for the sustainability of the JCPOA. While we appreciate the strong support to the deal expressed by the overwhelming majority of Member States, I should stress that if JCPOA is to survive, Iran should also be benefitted from it through

appropriate practical measures. We appreciate the EU/EU3 positions on the JCOPA, but firmly believe that the time is of the essence and more should be done to ensure the economic benefits of Iran as stipulated in the JCPOA.

The UNSC Resolution 2231 adopted on 20 July 2015, "*Calls upon all Member States, regional organizations and international organizations to take such actions as may be appropriate to support the implementation of the JCPOA including by taking actions commensurate with the plan set out in the JCPOA and this resolution and by refraining from actions that undermine implementation of commitments under the JCPOA*". These are binding obligations on all UN members. In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly believes that by violating its international commitments and adoption of a series of unlawful and unilateral actions, the U.S. administration not only undermines the credibility of the UN Security Council, but also destroys its own credibility.

It seems that the US Administration addiction to sanctions knows no bounds. It was just two days ago that the US threatened to impose sanctions on ICC and even prosecute its judges in the American courts. When the International Community force the US to act like a normal State?! It is imperative to counter its habit of violating the International Law.

It should be recalled that the nuclear deal is the outcome of years of intensive bilateral and multilateral negotiations overwhelmingly applauded by the international community and endorsed by the Security Council as a part of Resolution 2231. As such, it belongs to the international community in its entirety and not only to a few countries. It will be a great shame if the achievement of 12 years of multilateral diplomacy would be shattered by irresponsible behavior and unilateral action of one State. I would like to

underline that such unlawful policies will never impede Iran’s course of progress and advancement.

Before concluding, **Mr. Chairperson**, I would like to refer to few delegations that asked once again for release of the detailed confidential safeguards information contrary to the BoG approved mandate. My delegation would like to recall that in addition to the provisions of Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement ,and Article 5 and Article 15 of the Additional Protocol for protection of confidential information, the JCPOA also clearly requests the Agency “*to take every precaution to protect commercial, technological and industrial secrets as well as other confidential information coming to its knowledge.* ” Therefore, we strongly oppose divulging of confidential safeguards information in any upcoming reports under the so-called request for more transparency.

On the naval nuclear propulsion, those few delegations that asked for providing the Agency with the requested information possibly have not paid due attention to paragraph 25 of the DG report, which states that the Agency requested further clarification in January 2018 and Iran has provided additional information on 28 April 2018 and also in its updating of the AP declarations for 2017, which was submitted to the Agency on May 2018.

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## “Responses to Some Allegations”

**Mr. Chairperson,**

With regard to some unsubstantiated and unrelated statements by very few delegations, my delegation expresses its deep regrets on attempts to derail this august body from its main responsibility; so, in this context, I would like to seize the opportunity and make the following points:

**First;** it seems to be sarcastic that a State who has back-drawn from its commitments under the JCPOA, and for this, has been severely chastised by the rest of the International Community, is, here, praising the Agency for verification of the implementation of the same deal! And expects the subject of this deal to be fully compliant with it!

It was also mentioned that the US administration is ready and willing to negotiate a better deal with Iran; let me be outspoken here and say that the Islamic Republic of Iran considers this gesture as a dead inception. This US administration has proven here and many other instances that they are not reliable for any new negotiation, let alone the implementation of the conclusion of that negotiation. If the US wants to show its willingness and readiness, the path is clear; it could begin from where it started, and restart by adhering to its commitments under the JCPOA.

It is an irony that a State, thousands of miles away from the Persian Gulf, who is stirring, once upon time, the chaos in the countries of the region, is preaching us here that another State, located in the region, is supporting militants and proxies! The world would attest to Iran’s constructive engagement in the region against the terrorists.

It is also ridiculous that a country that is committing crimes in different parts of the world, and even threatening the ICC with sanction if they continue

to pursue investigation of the US soldiers' crimes in Afghanistan, a country who has withdrawn its membership to several organizations in support of the warmongering regime of Israel, a country that is allied with a coalition committing genocide in Yemen, and turns blind eyes to atrocities of some despots in the region, is preaching Iran for its human rights situation.

**Second; Mr. Chairperson,** as usual, we heard an unrelated statement. Zionist regime of Israel sits on tens of inhumane nuclear warheads, it sits on un-safeguarded clandestine nuclear facilities, and it sits on underground WMD facilities where it works on biological and chemical weapons. This regime has never acceded to the CWC, BWC and the NPT. Now this regime that made desperately every effort to prevent the JCPOA conclusion, surprisingly talks about JCPOA implementation concerns, which is very ridiculous.

This regime with a history full of aggression and occupation has flagrantly violated all resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council in response to its repeated acts of aggression and illegal occupation, as well as its well-documented atrocities, apartheid policies and war crimes against the Palestinian people. This regime cannot create a smokescreen for its nuclear weapon program, which is a real threat to regional and international peace and security. It is reprehensible that the rogue Zionist regime that threatens global security with its nuclear arsenal and is not responsible to any international safeguard, is preaching to peaceful nations.

**Third;** Mr. Chairperson, I also would like to take this opportunity and react to the statements made by the delegations of UAE and Saudi Arabia. Time and again, it has been proven, in many credible fora, that these two countries are the financial and theological forefather of Taliban, Al-Qaeda, ISIS and DAESH in the region. It is very unfortunate that because of their own failed strategies in

the region, another country is blamed! There is no political talent needed to decipher the fault lines of chaos in the region.

Much to the dismay of the international community, they are protected politically by another country outside the region, which is aligned with them, not because of the affinities in their ideologies, but because of petro-dollars and the lucrative arms marketing. Instead of looking at the mirror to see their true face, they are searching for the others to blame for every possible trouble in the region. We have a humble advice to them, and that is to look for solutions for the chaos in the region, within themselves, not by dragging another country's leg into this.

It is a mockery that countries that have set up a coalition committing genocide and crimes against humanity in Yemen, are blaming Iran which its role is merely humanitarian support to the ones they don't like; countries that spent billions of dollars for the procurement of highly sophisticated weaponry to trample the people of the region, are blaming Iran for its defensive missile program. History will confess to the extent of atrocities this coalition of evils imposed on the region. And, again, the world would attest to their heinous policies in support of terrorists, and to Iran's constructive engagement in the region in their uprooting.

**Mr. Chairperson,** as the final point in this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always expressed its desire to establish peace and security in the region, and its readiness to sit down with its neighbors and contribute to upholding peace and security in the region if those in question show a responsible behavior.

**Thank you Mr. Chairperson.**